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FM AMEMBASSY LOME

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8692

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CDES, EAIR, TO (FLEMING, WILLIAM S.) (BRYAN, RICHARD D.)

SUBJ: GRUMMAN CRASH: BRYAN, RICHARD D.

REF: A) STATE 283494; B) LOME 2994

1. CONSULAR OFFICER, WHO RETURNED TO LOME DECEMBER 29, VISITED MORGUE MONDAY MORNING TO IDENTIFY BODIES OFFICIALLY AND BEGIN DISPOSITION FORMATTITIES. (NO BUSINESS CONDUCTED AT MORGUE ON SUNDAYS.) AT VARIANCE WITH MINISTER MOVEDOR'S REPORT (REF B), WHICH MINISTER REITERATED TO AMBASSADOR EARLY MONDAY MORNING, CONSULAR OFFICER REPORTS FLEMING'S FACE WAS IN FACT BADLY MUTILATED. CONOFF SAID BRYAN, WHOSE BODY WAS FOUND ON GROUND SEVERAL FEET FROM COCKPIT WRECKAGE, RECEIVED SOME CUTS ON FACE AND LOWER JAW APPEARED BROKEN OR DISLOCATED.

2. IN VIEW POOR QUALITY OF MORTUARY WORK TOGO AND FACT BOTH MEN'S REMAINS CONSIGNED DIRECT TO FUNERAL HOMES IN US, EMBASSY HAS NOT RPT NOT REQUESTED LOCAL MORTICIAN TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT RESTORE OR CONCEAL INJURIES OF EITHER VICTIM. BELIEVE AMERICAN MORTICIANS CONSIDERABLY MORE COMPETENT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS.

3. CONSIDERING ABOVE IN LIGHT REFTTEL (A), DEPARTMENT MAY WISH PASS INFO RE BRYAN TO SAVANNAH FUNERAL DIRECTOR. WE CANNOT JUDGE WHETHER BRYAN'S INJURIES AND/OR EFFECTS OF LOCAL EMBALMING (ALSO OF DUBIOUS QUALITY) WILL PERMIT OPEN CASKET FUNERAL AS FAMILY WISHES, BUT WE THINK FUNERAL DIRECTOR BEST QUALIFIED

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